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## Seniors Get Set for the Big Day, Feb. 7

### Editors Attend United Nations Press Council

By Jan Klein

"There's nothing singular about the word 'news.' It's hardly ever a product of one individual," said Mr. Max Harrelson of the United Press at a special meeting of the High School Press Council held Nov. 19 at the United Nations.

Approximately one hundred editors of New York City high school newspapers attended the panel discussion entitled "Gathering and Presenting News of the United Nations." Mrs. Eleanor Clark French, Commissioner to the United Nations from the City of New York, acted as moderator.

Panelists included Miss Katherine Telch of the New York Times, Mr. Harrelson, and Mr. Osgood Caruthers and Mr. Ortise of the United Nations.

The *Pilot* was represented by JoAnne Russo, news and advertising editor, and Jan Klein, makeup editor.

#### Most Important Factor

Miss Telch pointed out the most important factor in UN news reporting: "Make the story come alive for its readers and give a fair story from all sides."

The volume of news coverage sent out from the UN amounts to six to ten thousand words daily, excluding television and radio broadcasts. The day Premier Khrushchev banged his shoe on the table, 56,000 words were

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### Mr. Cummings, Acctg. Chairman, Dies Unexpectedly

Mr. John J. Cummings, chairman of the Accounting Department, died suddenly Dec. 5 in his home.

Mr. Cummings, a native of Brooklyn, graduated from St. Alphonsus Parochial School and Brooklyn Preparatory School. He was associate professor of accounting and finance at the St. John's University School of Commerce from 1928 until he joined the Fort Hamilton staff twenty-two years ago.

#### Summa Cum Laude

After receiving his A.B. degree summa cum laude at St. Francis Xavier College, Mr. Cummings took a master's degree in business administration at New York University. He was a Certified Public Accountant.

Before going to St. John's, he taught at Brooklyn Preparatory School (Jesuit), Loyola School in Manhattan, and New Utrecht High School. Mayor Robert F. Wagner was one of his pupils.

#### Mourn His Passing

Said Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal, "As one of the original faculty members, Mr. Cummings helped to establish the fine traditions of the school. His passing is mourned by all the teachers and pupils who will miss his kindly personality and warm sense of humor."

Mr. Cummings leaves three children. One of the two daughters is a music teacher, while the son is an F.B.I. agent.

### A Pause for a Picture



The members of the cast take a few moments off from rehearsal to pose for a picture. Miss Mary Shea, adviser, is in the foreground.

## 20 Receive Pilot Pins; Paper Adds Ten Cubs

Twenty members of the *Pilot* staff received pins last month for outstanding service to the school newspaper.

The pins, which resemble a pilot's wheel, are given for excellent performance in the field of editing, writing, circulation, typing, photography, and art.

Seniors who received this award are: Jo Anne Russo, news editor; Arthur Di Mattia, circulation manager; James MacArevey, assistant circulation manager; Nancy Bengtson, Milton Eisner, Marcia Feigenbaum, Debbie Leichtman, Robert Migdal, Helena Nozick, and Craig Schaff, reporters; Kathy Slepian, cartoonist; and Jill Fellows, typist.

Eight juniors were also honored. They are Jan Klein, make-up editor; Ethel Corcoran, assistant make-up editor; Robert Breuer, sports editor; Robert Morris, assistant sports editor; Daniel Swenson and George Kull, photographers; and Barbara Agnetti and Carole Larsen, typists.

### Editors Pitch Into Work on Tower

The editorial staff has begun work on the 1963-1964 *Tower*, the senior yearbook.

This year's publication will definitely not be a carbon copy of the previous year's. It will have a character and personality all its own and will be especially appropriate to 1964.

In charge of the literary material is Mr. Patrick Walsh; of the art work, Mrs. Dorothy B. McHugh; of the senior photographs, Miss Ethelreda Furlong; of the business details, Mr. Alexander Selwyn.

Last year the *Tower* took a second place in the annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association contest. Said Mr. Walsh, "We don't make any promises, but we are hoping for a first place position this year."

Ten cubs have been added to the *Pilot* staff.

They are: Susan Goldbetter, Linda Goldspinner, Marcia Lehrman, Denise Liotis, Arthur Lucy, Robert McKaba, Alice Nielsen, Janet Rich, Helene Smith and Phyllis Umbria.

Next term junior George Kull, now a photographer, will also be assistant circulation manager, while junior Daniel Swenson will assume the duties of photography editor.

The present editorial board consists of Jan Klein, make-up; Ethel Corcoran, assistant; JoAnne Russo, news and advertising; Robert Breuer, sports; Robert Morris, assistant; Arthur DiMattia and James MacArevey, circulation.

The number of *Pilot* staff members is now 47. The first issue next term will appear early in March.

## Senior Advisers Agree: Teaching Is Enjoyable

By Andrea Stone

When you walk into office 124, you can be assured of a warm smile and competent guidance from Miss Leonore Simon.



Miss Simon

Miss Simon, senior grade adviser, is also acting full time guidance counselor, a recently created position in the school. Before assuming these duties, she had taught in the Secretarial Studies Department for sixteen years.

As senior grade adviser, she helps students with their choice of a college or career. "I enjoy working with the boys and girls and helping them plan for the future," she said.

When a senior is deciding on a

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By Nancy Bengtson

Cheerful, friendly, energetic—these are three adjectives that very aptly describe Miss Emma Korner, senior grade adviser and social studies teacher.

"I enjoy teaching at Fort Hamilton very much, even though my students don't always do their homework," she said laughingly. "I just love being a senior grade adviser this year, and the view of the Narrows from my new office (124) is simply beautiful."



Miss Korner

After receiving her Bachelor of Arts and master's degrees at Hunter College, Miss Korner taught for a time in the New York City school

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## Student Expresses Views On Murder of Kennedy

By Mary Maakestad

(The article below was written as a composition in Miss Marcia Winthrop's English 3C6 class.)

It is practically impossible for someone as small as I am to express what I feel about the death of someone as great as our President. I have not yet grasped the gravity of this disaster, and I'm not sure that I ever will.

Perhaps it was the immediacy of the assassination that shocked me; or the fact that I regarded the President as nearly immortal because of his energy, youth, and powerful position. Or perhaps it was because I took him for granted, never actually realizing how important he was in my mind and in everyone else's mind.

Whatever the reason, I'm sure that Kennedy himself would have wanted this "shaking up" to serve some purpose in our lives. And I think the biggest lesson we can learn is from the example that Kennedy himself set for us during his brief lifetime. He knew that the only way life can be worth living is by giving it to other people, and by helping improve the world in some way, however small it may be.

#### America Indignant

The assassination of President Kennedy made America indignant and disturbed, and our patriotic "blood pressure" soared. Americans asked themselves, how could something like this happen in the civilized, democratic country in which we live? How could one of us do such a thing?

But is it really such a wonder? Is

all the corruption in the world concentrated overseas?

Even though we as a people are not obsessed with hatred, that does not mean that hatred still isn't part of us. But what of our responsibility? We do have responsibilities, not only to instill in ourselves the highest possible moral standards, but to be urgently concerned about those around us who are openly destroying our nation and the things for which it stands.

#### Something Can Be Done

Although we are not yet adults, we can do something. If we are to be ready, we must start now, because citizens are not elected—they are born into office—and every citizen has a duty to develop himself into a useful human being.

Only if each one of us fights his hardest can ours truly be a nation "under God."



## We Have a Torch

Among the last words written by our late president, John F. Kennedy, were these: "In a world full of frustrations and irritations, America's leadership must be guided by the lights of learning and reason."

This learning is not only the learning we receive in school, but that which we must absorb from the world about us. Every day must be devoted to learning something new about ourselves, our nation, and our fellow nations.

With greater learning comes deeper understanding. With deeper understanding, we are able to reason more carefully and not be a victim of rash judgment.

We must become a more informed people, for by educating ourselves we prepare ourselves to live peacefully in a world that is at best a very difficult place.

John F. Kennedy was a man of intellect as well as action. The New York Times said of him: "He represented the vitality and energy, the intelligence and the enthusiasm, the courage and the hope of these United States in the middle of this 20th century."

Every student can use the ideals of the late president as a torch to light his way. The time to start is now; the place: the home, the community, the school.

## A Day of Glory

Two weeks from tomorrow is Senior Day.

When this long awaited occasion arrives it brings with it considerable fun and excitement. Every student looks forward to it from the moment he enters high school, and on that day—from breakfast time until the last strains of the after-school dance have faded—enjoyment is in the air.

Senior Day is one of the highlights of a student's final year. It is therefore too wonderful a privilege to be marred by any thoughtless conduct.

After four years of eagerness, it would be foolish for a senior to put a blot upon his name and the school's name because of some careless or misguided action.

Let's make Feb. 7 a day of glory, not a day of infamy!

## Down in the Mouth?

Would you like to see your teeth arranged in neat little rows in a box? Of course you wouldn't. Here's the question: How do you prevent your pearly whites from decaying and ultimately falling out?

One sure way is to make an annual visit to the dentist. And when you go to the dentist for this check-up, why not remember to get a dental note?

Instead of putting the check-up off and off, go at the beginning of the term and get that note, because to pass gym you *must* bring one in.

So, for your own dental health, and for the sake of your academic record, put a string around your finger as a reminder. And if the string isn't sufficient, you might add a two-inch band of dental floss.

## Books or Looks?

By Bob Breuer

A compact, a comb, but never a book;  
"Where's my mirror? Gotta see how I look."  
A date tonight, she'll have a ball;  
All these thoughts in a study hall.

The late bell rings and she is finally in the study hall. The thought of the next period's test suddenly brings out a book, and she begins to study furiously.

However, a glance at the clock and the realization that five minutes have already gone by puts an end to that. If she expects to accomplish anything this period, she must use every minute. She must tease her hair up another inch or so and—what's this? Her eyebrows are growing again? She moves about in her seat to get comfortable and her eyebrows soon become a thin straight line.

She likes how she looks—so beautiful—and rehearses how she will meet HIM after school. Another look at the clock brings a gasp—only five minutes more. She takes this time to worry over the test she will probably flunk, to give a final touch to her hair, and to walk to class totally unprepared because she simply has not had time.

## The Vision Gets Closer



## Class President Devoted To Fellow Hamiltonites

By Judy Warshaver

Meet one of Fort Hamilton's busiest, liveliest seniors—Frank Gallinaro, president of the senior class.

Frank is extremely devoted to his fellow students. "This year's class may well be the best that Hamilton has ever had. The boys and girls are very enthusiastic and cooperative," he proclaimed proudly.

To meet the demands of his position, Frank has to be constantly on the go. He works daily with Miss Ethelreda Furlong, senior social adviser,



Frank

wonderful."

What is this busy leader planning for the future? Interested in the sciences, he is considering a medical career and will continue his studies at St. John's University.

### Fond of the Outdoors

Frank is fond of the outdoors and participates in numerous sports. Swimming is his forte. "I feel like a fish in the water." He enjoys walking and cycling. One exciting excursion was a sixty-mile bicycle trip.

Frank is an enthusiastic frequenter of Broadway shows. Recently he enjoyed "A Case of Libel," based on Louis Nizer's *My Life in Court*. However, this senior is not always in the audience: he has the leading role in the senior show.

### Folk Music Fan

Folk music is another interest of the senior class president. He has played in the school band for three years, and this year he is also a member of the Mixed Chorus.

For the past four summers Frank worked as a counselor at Camp Chickagami in the Pocono Mountains.

## In Retrospect (John F. Kennedy)

He looked  
to the desolate,  
to the deprived,  
to the unwanted.

He sought  
to find truth,  
to find love,  
to find happiness.

He found  
greed,  
conceit,  
hate.

He worked  
to revive hope,  
to help,  
to redeem;

And died  
to life—  
for faith,  
for love.

Janet Rich, 2A17

## Round About

By Arthur DiMattia

Question: What is the most rewarding experience you have had during your high school years?

Nancy Kolodny, 4B10:

I don't think that anyone who has taken full advantage of the many opportunities offered to him during his high school career can point to one isolated incident as the most rewarding. In my opinion, the realization that from now on in we will be making most of our decisions alone, and that these decisions will serve to mold our future, is in itself a most rewarding experience—perhaps the most rewarding experience of our high school years.

Roger Malbuisson, 4A5:

Of all the experiences that have come my way in the past three years, I believe that my first performance with the Senior Band was the most rewarding one. To hear applause for the performance in which I participated was amazing and gratifying. It's wonderful what a little encouragement can do for a person.

Alan Feller, 4A1:

Looking over four years of high school, I have gained a sort of philosophy. It is that a person must educate himself—must learn to train himself, not only in his actions and beliefs, but also in his regard for others. He must do not only the things required of him, but those that will help him advance himself.

Diane Gabrielsen, 4A7:

As he attempts to seek a rewarding life's work, every senior must feel that, to a certain extent, he can control his own destiny. The future is no longer obscured, and we begin to understand what directions our lives will attain. Playing this most significant role in my own life has been a source of self-satisfaction and interest to me. Perhaps the final sense of achievement can be understood only when we measure the ultimate outcome of our choices.

## Timely Quotes

I shall try to correct errors where shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views as fast as they shall appear to be true views.

Abraham Lincoln

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct.

George Washington

## Corcoran's Corner

By Ethel Corcoran

If you have never gone on a blind date, take it from me, don't. I would rather stay home and cheat at solitaire all night than go through the mental and physical torture that accompanies the acceptance of a blind date.

My fate was sealed by a phone call from a girl who must really hate, loathe and despise me. She was supposedly my "best friend." Since this date, whenever I see her my mouth starts to foam, my fingernails start to ooze blood, and it takes two strong boys to hold me back from—well, let's just say that I get terribly upset when I see her.



Corky

### The Phone Call

"Hello, Corky?"

"Yes."

"This is Diane. Are you busy Saturday night?" At this point I should have slammed the receiver down, ripped the cord out of the wall, barred and locked all the doors and windows, and jumped into bed with a sudden attack of leprosy. Instead I said, "No."

"Good. How would you like to go to the movies?"

"Fine. What time shall I come over to your house?"

"Well, you see, Harvey asked me to go to the movies, but his cousin Marvin is in town and . . ."

"I absolutely refuse on the grounds that I won't be seen within ten miles of that squinty, cross-eyed midget, that refugee from an outer Mongolian colony."

"I don't want to pressure you into anything, but if you don't come I'll tell a certain party you've been after him for so long, and all those 'accidental' meetings . . ."

"What time will you pick me up?"

"Seven-thirty."

### What Could I Do?

I figured the safest way to play it would be not to open my mouth all night. It might kill me, but that way I couldn't get into any trouble. The extent of my conversation would be "hello" and "good-bye." Maybe even a "Nice to have met you," but I could get into hot water just saying that, so I figured I'd better not press my luck. After all, I can't make a mortal enemy by saying hello.

And then I began to think. Perhaps he wouldn't be so bad. I was judging him by Harvey, who makes anything look good. He's 4'6" with elevator shoes, weighs ninety pounds soaking wet, has beady little eyes, a perpetual cold, clammy hands, hair parted in the middle, a voice like a rusty gate, and a face that would stop an eight-day clock. He has the personality of a squashed prune. But, I reasoned, there just *couldn't* be two of them.

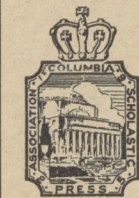
It was too much. I suppose it wouldn't have been bad if he'd kept quiet all night, but all he did was talk, talk, talk. You couldn't shut him up.

His theme was the Ming dynasty in China. That was all he knew. He must have memorized every passage he had ever read on it, and he recited every line to me, in that squeaky voice of his, all the way to the movie, all during the movie, and all the way home. It was a thrilling experience.

### I Kept My Promise

You can't say I didn't keep my promise about not saying anything all night. I sat and listened to every boring syllable he inflicted on me. I smiled so much that my jaws ached for a week. I clenched and unclenched my fists all night, and I wished I was ramming both of them down his throat.

Finally, four centuries later, I was standing in front of my own door. Funny, I had never noticed how beautiful and wonderful my house is. I turned to say good-night to my drooling escort, when he squeaked, "Would you like to go to the movies next week?" I turned and ran so fast up the stairs that I must have broken a record. I know I broke my ankle.



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## Senior Enjoys Summer Bicycling 445 Miles

By Bob Breuer

Loaded down with a sleeping bag, food supplies, and a great store of energy, Robert Adamski, 4A3, pedaled 445 miles on his bicycle this past summer.

"A bicycle trip is just the right speed for enjoying scenery," says Bob. "In a car you're practically gone before you get where you're going!"

His summer excursions consisted of two trips one hundred miles each, two of about fifty miles each, and many shorter rides. Bob's most interesting journey was his visit to his grand-



Robert

mother at Rhinebeck. He covered 104 miles in eleven hours, despite the hilly terrain of upper New York State. Asked about expenses, the cyclist replied, "The total cost for the trip was 25 cents, plus five phone calls to keep my mother from worrying." He began the trip July 11 and covered sixty miles in six hours the first day. He slept at a campsite near Bear Mountain, where his most unusual incident of the summer occurred. As Bob describes it, "I was lying in my sleeping bag, a little nervous. While listening to the noises around me, a trooper walked up. All he said was that if I smelled anything unusual that night, not to worry—that it would be tear gas and wouldn't kill me!"

The next day Bob finished the final 44 miles and spent a week at his grandmother's house. He had to return by bus when his mother applied the brakes to his plan to cycle back.

### Active in School Affairs

Not only is this senior an avid cyclist, but he is active in school affairs. He is a member of Arista and the Mimeograph Squad, was manager of the basketball and baseball teams in 1962, and holds the same position this year.

His plans for next summer include a visit to his friend's home at Lake Ronkonkoma and a possible trip to Nova Scotia with a group of cyclists. After that, who knows? Look out, California!

## Miss Korner

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system. She then left for the business world but, fortunately for Hamilton, returned to teaching seven years ago, and has been here ever since.

### In Graduate Guidance Program

At present Miss Korner is enrolled in a graduate guidance program at New York University. "Teaching is by no means a 9 to 3 job," she remarked. "There is no end to learning in this profession. Teachers must constantly attend meetings and lectures and take courses related to their specialized field of instruction."

However, Miss Korner said that she finds these extra activities interesting and feels that teaching is a richly rewarding career.

Despite her busy schedule, Miss Korner still manages to devote time to her favorite hobby, movie photography. She also enjoys swimming, hiking and tennis, although, she smiled ruefully, "I'm afraid I haven't played for quite some time."

## Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Jan. 17	Sheepshead Bay*	Home	Night
Jan. 21	Madison*	Home	Day
Jan. 24	New Utrecht*	Away	Day
Feb. 7	Lafayette*	Away	Night
Feb. 14	John Jay*	Away	Day
Jan. 18	Lincoln*	Home	Day
Feb. 21	Sheepshead Bay*	Away	Night

\*League Games

## Jayvees Win Three At Start of Season

The junior varsity basketball team started the season by winning the first three games.

Led by Artie Andino, high scoring playmaker, and Earl Pendarvis, 6' 5" rebounder, the jayvees defeated Alexander Hamilton, Xaverian and Madison.

Rounding out the first team are defense specialist Bill Reeves, Jim Taylor, Ronny Thompson and Roger Henson. Top reserves are George Williams, Manny Ojeda and Hector Colon.

Said Coach Kenneth Kern, "This is one of the best jayvee teams the school has ever had. It has depth, height and scoring punch."

Andino rolled up 42 points in the three games and led the team in assists. Pendarvis was second with 30 points, followed by Taylor with 29; Thompson, 15; Colon, 14; Williams, 13; Ojeda, 11; and Reeves, 10.

## Bob Slusher Gets Red Cross Award

Robert Slusher, 2B10, was awarded a dietitian and messenger medal and a citation by the Red Cross for having worked the greatest number of hours at Roosevelt Hospital last summer.

Said Bob, "In order to be eligible for the award, the candidate had to work a certain number of hours. I worked 513 and enjoyed every one of them."

Bob's assignments included working behind a counter, giving food to doctors and hospital employees, and bringing medicine to different wards and laboratories. The work is purely voluntary, and he has continued his duties at the hospital on weekends.

"I'd like to be a dietitian later on in life," said Bob. "The work is very interesting."

## Chess Team Hopes To Capture Title

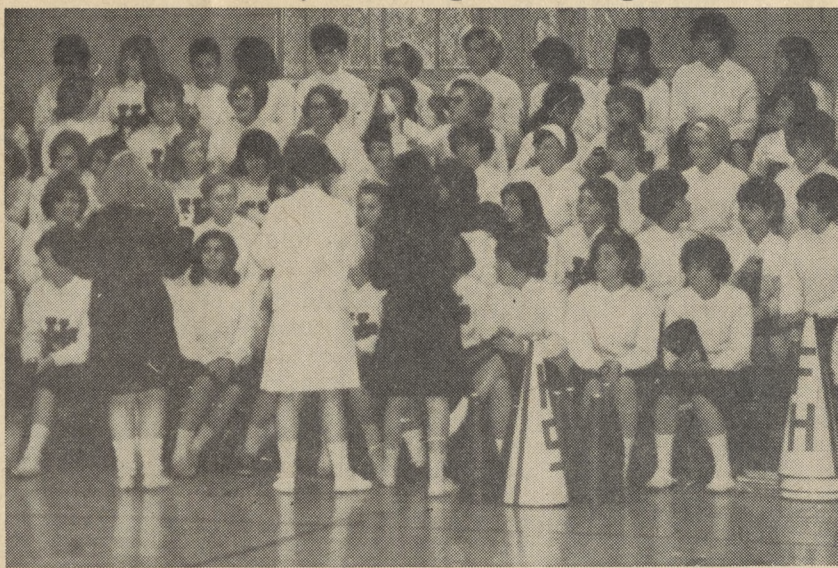
If persistence gains victories, the Chess Team may capture the division title.

The team, under the tutelage of Mr. Eugene Sterne, has been practicing more than three months. "We are as ready as we'll ever be. The kinks are out, the squad is sharp, and we're ready to go," said the mentor.

Though it lost four of last year's five starters, the squad is deep in quality. Veteran Steve Shapiro has developed his potential and should spark fellow players Bob Leonard, Stephen Bettum, Charles Dowis, John Deacon and Philip Jalonen. A newcomer, George Bacot, looks very promising.

The first match will take place shortly after the opening of the spring term.

## Plenty of High Voltage



Lloyd Palford

Boosters look the Pilot photographer (almost) right in the eye. Members are the voice of the Cheerleaders and spark team spirit.

## Sports Deck

By Bob Breuer

A major expansion of the PSAL basketball championship playoffs at Madison Square Garden is almost certain to be effected this season.



Bob

The first place team in each division will play the second place team at its home court. Only the first round playoff games will be played in school gyms. The quarter-

finals, semi-finals and championship game will be played at the Garden. Last year only seven teams participated in the playoffs; this year the number will be fourteen. Two years ago 26 teams played to record crowds.

### From 26 to 7

The reason for the change from 26 teams to seven teams in the tourney was the unsavory gambling elements at the Garden and the interference with school work. The new rule should eliminate these problems.

This change should help our own Rebels, for the team has only to finish second to play in the tourney, whereas it would have to come in first under the old rule.

### Add Danny Nee

With the addition of Danny Nee, a transfer from Power Memorial, the quintet's chances to play in the Garden are improved considerably. Danny, a 6' 3" senior, started for Power last year, a school rated the best team in the country. This should indicate Danny's basketball ability. He will be able to play the last four league games and two crucial battles against Lafayette and Sheepshead.

There is only one other senior on the varsity, and the juniors and sophomores are bound to improve as the season progresses. No other team is taller than the Rebels, and if the boys win a few key games they will make the quarter-finals. Next year, with virtually the whole team returning, M. S. G., here we come!

## Violet? Yellow? Blue?—The Shirt Makes the Leader

By William Stillwell

If you have ever seen the fellow in gym with the violet shirt and the terrific athletic ability, you have seen the work of Mr. Richard Cohen, coach of the Gym Leaders Corps.

The members are hand-picked on the basis of rigorous tests on the gymnastic apparatus, as well as general athletic aptitude. Each member must be able to "do a little bit on each piece of equipment." However, most testing is done on the parallel bars, for this is a good indication of all-round ability.

### Boys Are Big Help

Mr. Cohen instructs the Leaders Corps daily during the fifth period. "All of the boys are a big help to the platform teachers in gym classes," he said. "The Leaders assist in administrative duties, in spotting, and in the instruction and correction of the athletic form of the class members."

Among the top leaders are Vincent Scaffidi, Peter Kavli, Richard Schaeffer and Joseph Cooper.

### What Colored Shirts Mean

For those confused by colored gym shirts, Mr. Cohen explains: Yellow shirts are for regular gym class members; blue shirts are for gym leaders chosen by the platform teacher to assist him; violet shirts are only for members of the Leaders Corps, and rank above the yellows and blues.

On Monday night, Feb. 24, the Leaders Corps will give a gymnastic demonstration for the Parent Teacher Association.

The Leaders Squad has been an integral part of our school for ten years. A number of changes have been made since Mr. Cohen took over the supervision two years ago.

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## Basketball Coach Considers Quintet Best in 8 Years

By Bob Morris

"This is potentially the best basketball team the school has had in my eight years at Fort Hamilton," said Coach Kenneth Kern.

The above statement summarizes one of the brightest cage outlooks in recent years.

The Blue and White opened its league season by defeating Madison, defending champion, and New Utrecht in successive games. Tomorrow night the Rebels play Sheepshead Bay in another important league game.

Gene Pendarvis's set shot in the last minute of play enabled Hamilton to defeat a strong Madison quintet, 57-56. The Blue and White, a decided underdog, trailed throughout the game, but with 6' 7" Pat Heelan scoring 19 points in the second half, the Shoreroaders came from behind to win a thriller.

### May Sparks Rally

Against New Utrecht, 6-foot sophomore Ken May came off the bench to spark a second-half rally that overcame a five point half-time deficit. May scored ten of his fourteen points in the second half, while Leon Parks contributed 18 points and 14 rebounds to the Hamilton cause.

Other games played were games against Lafayette, John Jay, and Lincoln.

The strange thing about the Blue and White's early-season success is its lack of experience. With the exception of senior Bobby Rohl, the team is composed entirely of juniors and sophomores.

### To Click Next Year

Said Mr. Kern, "This team is still a year away from its full capabilities, and next year it should really click."

If the early season play has any bearing on the team's ultimate success, the Rebels should start clicking this season. As the young players gain experience, the team improves.

An added factor that spells "play-offs" is Danny Nee. Danny, a 6' 3" transfer from Power Memorial High School, will be eligible for the final four games of the year.

"He is a fine player and will add greatly to the team's chances," remarked Mr. Kern.

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## Talented Toni Sanders Plans to Teach Music

By Jayne Kaplan

Who is the attractive girl who plays the *Star Spangled Banner* at the school assemblies? It's not really a suspenseful mystery; she is talented Toni Sanders, of 4A15.



Toni

This bouncing brown-haired senior may also be seen playing the piano for the mixed chorus, the dance band, or the senior show. Toni played for the senior chorus at her alma mater, McKinley Junior High School. She is also the pianist for an off-Broadway show, *Away Out West*.

"*Away Out West* is a spoof on the West, written especially for children," says Toni. "I'm not the only Fort Hamiltonite in this show; Miss Peggy Moran, English teacher, and Miss Betsy Shack, social studies teacher, have acting parts."

### May Teach Music

Toni has been playing the piano for about eight years and is also studying the guitar. She plans to study music in college and may become a music teacher, but

has no ambition to become a professional performer.

"I enjoy working with people," she said. "Last summer I worked for three weeks with retarded children and for three weeks in a home for the aged. It was the most wonderful experience of my life."

Toni has a long history of service. In McKinley she won the Alfred E. King Award for outstanding service. Here she is a member of the Arista, the Psychology Club, the Cheerleaders and the *Tower* literary staff. She is also class college secretary and secretary to the Curtaintimers.

### Loves to Travel

Toni loves to travel. A few years ago she took a cross-country trip and visited Yellowstone National Park. This summer she hopes to go to Nova Scotia with the American Youth Hostels.

She hopes to attend Jackson College after graduation. With English and music, what else does she have time for?

## Trinity Members Have Lively Plans

The Trinity Club, under the direction of Miss Emma Korner, meets every Thursday at three in 108.

This year's officers are David Bleivik, 4A9, president; Edward Abrahamson, 4B2, vice president; Elaine Hatch, 2B4, recording secretary; and Phyllis Holvik, 4B2, corresponding secretary.

Plans include speakers, discussions, song fests and Bible quizzes.

The members held a joint Christmas party with the Newman Club. They also joined with the Menorah and Newman Clubs in the annual December Save-the-Children Federation Drive.

"New members are always welcome," said the adviser. "Students may sit in at any meeting to decide whether they wish to join."

## Girls Urged to Join Clubs For Bowling, Volleyball, Dancing

By Susan Wilson

Girls who enjoy bowling, volleyball, folk dancing or gymnastics are urged to join one of the clubs devoted to these activities, urges Miss Margaret Monsen, chairman of the Girls Health Education Department.

The clubs meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the girls gym. "Their purpose," said the chairman, "is to increase skill and create opportunity for participation in activities not covered in class."

Miss Monsen is also chairman of the High School Games Committee and is in charge of the Girls Branch of the Public School Athletic League. "The program this year is being run by young, able, enthusiastic teachers who want very much to promote beneficial after school activities."

To be eligible for membership in the Leaders Club a girl must have

ability and must be willing to render service. Any girl who is passing her major subjects and has been active in three clubs has an excellent chance of acceptance. The department frequently presents awards to girls who have worked industriously and have proved themselves outstanding players.

### Teachers Very Helpful

Two of the active, energetic health education teachers are Miss Janet Thomson and Miss Loretta Pelosi. Miss Thomson was a member of the Women's State Championship Softball Team, which placed third in the regional playoffs of the Eastern Division.

Miss Pelosi, in charge of the Gymnastics Club, is preparing an exhibition for the Parent Teacher Association.

## Menorah Club Commemorates Festival of Lights

The Menorah Club, under the direction of Miss Sandra Schechter, celebrated Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, with a party in the faculty cafeteria Dec. 4.

Rabbi David Feldman, of the Bay Ridge Jewish Center, was a special guest at the celebration.

Explained Miss Schechter, "Chanukah was first celebrated in 165 B.C. by Judas Maccabaeus in honor of the rededication of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. The name Chanukah means 'dedication.'"

Today Chanukah is a joyous occasion celebrated for eight days with songs, dances, and the exchange of gifts. Each evening of the holiday a new candle of the Menorah (a candelabra) is lighted. Thus, on the first evening one candle glows; on the second, two; and so on, until—on the eighth evening—there are eight candles.

### In Memory of Kennedy

The club felt it appropriate to kindle the Menorah in memory of John F. Kennedy. Jayne Kaplan, Rona Pravda, and Brian Zolotor presided over this part of the ceremony. Then the traditional Hebrew blessing was recited by Esther Metelski, Sarah Tavelinsky and Carol Rosen.

At the conclusion of the ceremony members and guests partook of refreshments, and the students exchanged gifts in a grab bag. Israeli folk dancing followed.

## Radio-Phys. Club To Make Computer

How does a miniature computer work? Join the Radio-Physics Club and find out.

The club members are now in the process of assembling an FM receiver and transistor. Plans include the building of a small scale computer, if funds permit. As Mr. Max Eisner, director of the Radio-Physics Club said, "Nothing in the field of radio and physics is forbidden. We take up anything and everything which interests us."

Past projects have included walkie-talkies, code oscillators, AM transmitters and receivers, and proficiency in the transmission of the hand radio code.

The club meets every Friday afternoon in 105. New members are welcome.

## Busybees Roll Out School Bulletins

"Within the walls of room B68 are two very dedicated, efficient and conscientious busybees known as the Mimeograph Squad," said Miss Carmela Gennaro, secretarial training teacher.

During the third period the mimeograph machines are kept busy printing all school notices for circulation, including the Senior Bulletin.

Robert Adamski, 4A3, and Donald Campbell, 2B12, the members of the squad, enjoy their work as "printer's devils."

"Students who know how to operate a mimeograph machine or who are willing to learn," said Miss Gennaro, "should submit their names to me for consideration." She added, "Some of our helpers obtain summer and after-school office jobs operating these machines."

Students on the squad receive service credit as well as experience, the adviser pointed out.

## Typists Who Pound Out the Pilot



George Kull

Standing: Gladys Troedsen, Barbara Agnetti, Barbara Donofrio, Carole Larsen. At the typewriter is Karen Lund. Absent: Jill Fellows, Elaine Hughes.

## 'Psychologists' Discuss Dreams, Babies, ESP

What do dreams mean? Should parents pick up a crying infant at night? What is extrasensory perception?

Possible answers to these and other interesting questions are discussed in the Psychology Club, an unusual club that meets Thursday afternoons under the supervision of Mr. Henry Kamin.

Arthur DiMattia, 4B4, is president; Michael Markowitz, 4B2, vice-president; Judy Mendelson, 3B16, recording secretary; Rosemarie Martin, 4B12, corresponding secretary; and Elenor Witek, 4B12, treasurer.

### Like a Discussion Class

Said Mr. Kamin, "The club is conducted like a regular discussion class.

Members use a textbook paid for by G.O. funds which they may keep at the end of the year.

"We like to stress extensive library research to give the members an opportunity to delve into various topics of their choice," continued the mentor. "Topics currently under discussion are intelligence, dreams, abnormal behavior, hypnosis, and imagination."

Recent activities of the Psychology Club included watching a television series on behavior, a report given by Maria Gasser, 4A1, on "Infancy to Adolescence," and one by Rosemarie Martin, 4B12, on "Feeble-mindedness."

Membership is usually limited to students with a 90% scholastic average or better.

## Two Hamiltonites At Career Meeting

New York University was host to more than 180 public and private secondary school faculty members and students at its eleventh annual conference on Careers in Retailing for High School Students.

Douglas Monroe, 4B14, and Anna Foss, 3F20, represented Hamilton at this conference, Nov. 8.

The program, designed to introduce students to the field on a face-to-face basis, featured a visual presentation on "New Trends in Retailing"; a panel of former New York University students now in the field discussing "What My Career in Retailing Has Offered Me"; and a guided visit to Macy's New York, with major store executives addressing the conference participants.

The program also included addresses by Dr. Dale W. Houk, NYU dean of students, on "Student Life at NYU," and Dr. Fred E. Crossland, the University's dean of admissions, on "Academic Preparation for a Career in Retailing."

### It Doesn't Zigzag

Lightning curves, twists, meanders and branches like the limbs of a tree, but it does not travel in a zigzag combination of straight lines.

## Miss Simon

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college, Miss Simon tells him to apply to one that is a "sure bet"; also to one where he has a fairly good chance of being accepted, and to one that is competitive. This gives him two realistic choices and one to "reach for."

"One way in which an applicant can help himself come to a decision is to spend some time visiting various colleges to determine which would suit him best," she explained. She also pointed out that "we have an increasing number of applicants for the New York State colleges."

### Madison High Alumna

A graduate of James Madison High School, she received her B.A. at Hunter College and her master's at City. At present she is taking additional guidance courses at Hunter and Queens.

Attending the theater is one of Miss Simon's favorite pastimes, but she regrets not having more time for it. George C. Scott, Frederic March and Kim Stanley are among her favorite actors, and she considers Beatrice Lillie one of the funniest women alive.

Traveling interests her, but she would like to "see more of our own country before going on towards Europe." Miss Simon is also fond of reading and sewing.



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